

Introduction

The Denê are the principal race of people that inhabit the twin world of Yeola-Camay. Although the planet is a twin, the Denê of this part of Yeola can not see their own world's twin, Camay, because they are locked in a cosmic embrace and always dance around one another in space. These Denê live most likely in the woodlands west of the mountains called Worldspine.

Although their cultures are truly ancient, it may not be entirely apparent, from a certain perspective, that they have evolved at all. They live in tidy round houses of neat masonry and fine woodwork. They tend their orchards and their gardens and their flocks and their herds as Denê nearly everywhere do and have done since time immemorial. They know to write and cipher, though don't have much use for mathematics beyond some basic geometry. Their delight is in the natural growth of plants and beasts and their systems of natural philosophy reflect that. There are some Denê who can work the natural forces of dwimmery, and these may be found among the peoples as healers, tinkers, dendromages, and on occasion, warrior thaumaturge. Unlike their far Eastern cousins, the wonders of thaumology and the distilled spirits of Elektra City have not yet reached the Uttermost West.

The life of a Tana (s. of Denê) is one of growth, in body, in mind, in soul, and in spirit. One can not know, let alone have, systems of natural philosophy and mathematics or any other thing of the mundane physical world without that who made all things exist. They know well of the Creator, and the angelic Powers, and they know through the careful study of mythology more or less what happened and who did what and why it all happened. Kind of interesting that: their science seeks the answers to *why* a thing happens, but seems to be lacking in the answers to *how* a thing happens...

Some Denê are able to Send themselves to other places. Their bodies repose peacefully, but some conscious part of the person is able to go up and about. Most folks who can Send themselves, become adept at riding the local wildlife, running or flying or even swimming with the wild creatures of woodlands. Most do not wander far, lest they become lost and lorn. One Tana was known to have Sent herself deep into the very heart of Yeola, and discovered there a whole new world. It is a very rare Sender indeed that can traverse the vast oceans of space beyond the circles of the world.

One, however, was adept and through this gift learned of a far distant kind of people — maybe even other Denê living in some other world? And the tale this fellow heard delighted his heart so! It seemed like listening to a tale told by his own folk, and though his recasting of it is in Denê fashion, it's not too far off from the Elleyeresse folk he heard telling it in the deeps between the worlds.

Text

morcamas cocuayna marca waraicmistic; engerriessa; nâ lentas alai anosamistic. simicurias alai; alai telecuere lesuaremcwe coalai ilicueiarôm; alai tarcuecuere, nellith enlilicue coalai ilicueirarom; helias alai tasomangmisay, helias alai sameyam carierielômlasa Iweildo. helinantas alai osamirillessemistic isamirillessecwe, alai yarcromirinne cocuayna marcâm. morcuangôm morcamnantas cuayna cuongalô attacqi curieldenô, covina morcuangmisay. locwieth cuayna Danani alaicwe; locwi, vina Dananimisay? lentreviras cuayna Ielanim anuden Wônyadis cuay' lomas, vina Annanayam, Adadam. darviras cuayna lesorcâm Uanacarôm anuden Teshen cuay' lomas. emsorviras cuayna Encaniccôm anuden Cwenyatrellyana cuay' lomas, yunang inivirii.

yarvanirosin Dananô, wanac verinantith tecuayna Enca at' Nicco. lentarinnerosin, lehastamanam ingômilisa cuayna martas, Hailiecuecue; insanas isaisa Enca lehusayam liliothiem, curiyo crosiam; attacqi tetocas Nicco coeti harcuethem, curiyo thuriam.

isaisa, entanniisa, herralinantas inivirii at' isacayne, laniicayne morquinanteth tannimino inivirii. tessieth Annanay cuayna tupasi opieth lutossa Encaio omborowanâm. tupasi turumbamani scamaviras Nicco curiyôm coeti Encayi, tupasi vellenercuerosin engcaldanam tulvarômensulilisa eti, twiliongôm elleo tamasio eti isaisa insanas. heliacuerei eti tamasi tupasi scremas Nicco walewiôm twiliongômistic anemmen niosaisa eti insanas attacqi nellith eti yocôm at' arenim Encayi. omac herralinantas cuay' at' morquingantes at' narcaias cuayan.

iruc, caras tamasi emmen Nicco gowalacuerem ani tupasi ayoletth eti tamasi militem tupasi morcamas Tulvanacar fathuenêm Danani iniviriienlilwasic. leviram, fathuenêm morcamacuerosin, crewelith sorcanensula cocuayna cwaro at' cuayna eti hacweth tupasi ullas Nicco. tarqueth eti cwarâm yerianicwe; tupasi tarqueth eti Enco acranâm yerianicwe. sturcas eti Enca yeulutossâm cocuayna omborowanâm tupasi ullas Enca cuaynamisay; at' hiyarais eti.

morcamas Enca: "sirias vina cocuayna arenêm iruc nâ lentas coisi romedanâm."

morcamas tamasi: "Sarcaysarcayan ilei, Montelaro prascati. saraciviri vina, isimisay at' coisi inithmisay." morcamacuereirosin tamasi, caras Enca coeti cuassâm, tupasi lentas eti.

tamsulosanantas eti at' morcamas: "fathuen ani lemirilesa vinacong at' coilei omborowo enecqi."

anora crellas cuayna at' engcuenitas ommogormang cuaynalasa. teleth cuayna cocuayna enecqim at' remitas cuayna emmenin tupasi engcanemas tamasi enecqo tolangôm. leviram, anora opiscunitas Sarcaysarcaya walewim mocamacuerêm at' gowalacuerâm, tamsulonantas eti cuaynammisay.

martas omac Tulvanacar at' omac cuaynacue morcamas: furweitas alai camamisaymisay, Danani at' Monteli. tupasi surac, culith enecq Enco at' Nicco ilicueiâm crosio at' oclano at' emmenani yoliyolivieras premiei at' coramani; tupasi elleruas Sarcaywarcayan quambem at' monoccâm yeucuassiâm Dananicue; attacqi saracith enecqi Sarcaysarcayo cocuayna laniyi, heliviras lesuarem sameyam carieriellasa Iweildô.

English Translation

The Dream Flyer's Tale

Their voices spoke from afar; so very far away, I knew not whence. I crouched, my wings me lifting high; leaping, I brought them down and as in a gale I flew up over the pale sky of Yeola. From this end of the heavens to that end of the heavens I flew and me following their voices. Tales they told of wonder & of dread as are our own tales. People like us they seemed to me; perhaps even Denê like us? They know the Creator & whom they name Wônyadis, the Mother of All, the Heavenly Father. They venerate the mighty Powers & whom they name Teshen. And they revere Encanicco, the first mated couple, & whom they name Cwenyatreliyana.

In the youth of the Denê, Enca & Nicco loved each other greatly. While they were walking, they went into a new land, into the East; Enca found there beautiful flowers, the deep red of the curiyom; and Nicco gathered its fruit, the deep blackred of the curiyom.

There in the orchard the couple embraced and under the boughs of the wood they sang. And Annanay blessed them & Enca's belly filled with life. Nicco went out one morning to fetch curiyom for his Enca, and climbing a very tall tree found that a great bird had made its nest. The bird flying away, Nicco grabbed what he could from the nest and brought eggs and younglings to Enca. Again the couple embraced and they sang and they feasted.

But the bird had seen Nicco's deed and she prayed for vengeance and the Treewarden spoke doom on the Denê couple. And in speaking doom, the smoke from their cooking fire grew and choked them, and Nicco fell. It snuffed the fires dead; and it snuffed Enca's baby dead. She grasped at her lifeless belly and she too fell, and she dreamed.

"We took your younglings not knowing your nature!" Enca said.

"Sarcaysarcayan are we, a tribe of raptors. Hunters are we, as are you and your mate." As the great bird spoke, she saw his teeth, and she knew.

She felt sorrow, and said: "A right doom was laid upon us and the child of my belly."

When they awoke, grief overcame them. They lifted up their baby and allowed the bird to consume its body. Now when the bird of prey hearkened to all that had been said and done, it too was grieved.

The Treewarden came then again, speaking to them, bound the Denê and the Raptorfolk together as one. Ever after, the children of Enca and Nicco wear wings of deep red and black, trimmed with blackgreen and blue; and Sarcaysarcayan taught the Denê all about squimb and monocq the toothless; and the children of Sarcaysarcayan hunt upon their arms, flying high into the pale sky over Yeola.

Grammar Notes

This is literally everything I know about this language, on account of it came to me today. I got enough morphology to explain the text, though I'm a lot less secure with matters of syntax.

Essentially, this language is primarily VSO, but you'll note quite a few exceptions. This may mean VSO is not the rule. In particular, compound sentences seem to run VSO-OSV, like a seesaw. Other word orders, I think, might have to do with aspects of focus.

There seem to be two basic declensions of noun, the animate and the inanimate, the former of which has three subtypes: fem., masc., epicene. Nouns decline in four cases, but do not decline for number.

	Anim-fem	Anim-masc.	Anim-epic	Inanim
Nom	harcuethe	cwara	danani	fathuen
Poss	harcuetho	cwaro	danano	fathueno
Ins/Loc/Dat	harcuethi	cwari	danani	fathueni
Acc / Abl	harcuethêm	cwarâm	dananim	fathuenêm

Nominal roots can be expanded upon in a couple different ways. One you'll find in the text is reduplication. The name Sarcaysarcayan, is presumably a reduplication of "sarcayan", a word that has something to do with hunting.

There are a number of postpositions that interact with the noun's case and modify the essential gist of the case.

-isa, within, inside	-enlili, down
-cong, upon, on	-ensula, up
-misay, like, equal to	-rosin, during, while
-mistic, out of, from	-cayne, under
-wasic, upon, towards	-sosam, at
-cue, to, towards	-lasa, over, above
-ilisa, into	-tia, for
-toca, with (accomp)	

Pronouns do decline for person & number, but not for case; though they can combine with postpositions.

sing.	pl.
1 st fem	ilei
1 st masc	alai
1 st epic	vina
2 nd fem	isi
2 nd fem	asa
2 nd epic	cama

3rd epic

eti

cuayna

These pronouns may be prefixed by co- to form the possessive: coilei = my (fem); or by te- to form the reflexive.

Demonstrative & other pronouns will be found in the lexicon.

Verbs don't really conjugate much at all. Partly this is because Denê understand space and time a little differently than other people. This language has no tense, for example. Its verbs conjugate for aspect, in the case of this text, the aspects found are "vivid proximal" and "imperfect". I won't blame you if you think of the former as "present" and the other as "past", but really time in the speech of Denê is a matter of context and perspective.

There are two conjugations of verb, one ending in -as and one ending in -ith or -ieth. Verbs in -th show ablaut, but I'm not sure why yet, and there are no examples in the text.

There are several types of verbal noun. Like verbs, they conjugate for aspect; like nouns, they decline for case and take postpositions.

	-AS	-ITH	-IETH
neutr.	caras	verith	morcuieth
vivid	caraviras	verevirith	morcuevirith
impf	caranantas	verenantith	morcuenantieth
v.n. vivid	caracuere, -o, -ei, -êm	vericuere, -o, -ei, -êm	morcuicure, etc
v.n. impf	cararinne, -o, -ei, -êm	veririnne, -o, -ei, -êm	morcuirinne, etc

Miscellany:

There are a few other affixes to be found scattered here and there. Notably eng- which is an animating, embiggening prenominal; enwe- is a nominaliser; -ngd- forms a verbal noun; yeu- forms the opposite (like un-); le is a separable particle with several uses, prefixed to a nominal root, it forms a noun meaning Xness.

Verbs in -ias can form semantic extensions with a -t- infix: cuenias = beat or win; cuenitas = defeat, thow down. It is from this latter verb that engcuentias, overcome, derives.

Morcangdie to English Lexicon

acran, baby
Adadi, Heavenly Father
aiyoleth, pray
almen, creature, being
almenani, that, them
almenin, this
anemmen, what
anira, when (far)
anirarusin, while
anisa, where (far)
Annanay, Mother of All
Annanay, Creator
anora, when (near)
anorarusin, while
anosa, where (near)
anosamistic, whence
anuden, who
areni, youngling
attacqi, and also
cama, one
caras, see
carieriel, day sky
-cayne, under
-cong, on
coraman, blue
covina, our
crellas, awoke
crewelith, grew
crosia, red
cuassa, teeth
cuenitas, win, beat
culith, wear
cuongala, wonder
curielden, dread
curiyo, sweet deep red fruit with three rather large seeds
cwara, fire
-cwe, to
Cwenyatreliyana, a name
Danani, Denê
Danani, People
daras, venerate
elleon, great
elleruas, taught

elleruas, told, teach
emmen, inanimate, being, thing
emmenani, that, them
emmenin, this
emsoras, revere
Enca, primal (ur-) female
Encanicco, primal (ur-) couple
eng-, very
engcaldan, tall
engcanemas, consume
engcuenitas, overcome
-enlili, down
-ensula, up
entanni, orchard
erriessa, far away
fathuen, doom
fulmeras, cook
furweitas, bound
gowalas, done
gowalas, deed (doing)
hacweth, choke
Hailiecue, East
harcuethe, fruit
helias, fly
herraltitas, embrace
hiyaraias, dream
Ielanani, Creator
ilicueiar, wing
ilimdel, night sky
-ilisa, into
imen, plant, being
imenani, that, them
imenin, this
imenin, this
ing, land, country
inith, mate
inivirii, couple
inivirii, mating couple
insanas, found
ira, time (far)
iruc, But
isa mirillesse, that end of the heavens
-isa, in, inside
isa, place (far)
Iweilda, Yeola

lania, boughs
lania, arms
-lasa, over
lebarang, deep
lehastaman, new
lehusaya, beautiful
lemirilesa, right, proper
lentas, know
lentas, walk
lesuare, high
letocatoca, together
leviram, Now
lewalewi, all
liliothie, flowers,
locwi, perhaps
locwieth, seem
loma, name
lutossa, life
marca, voice
martas, came
milit, vengeance
mirillesse, heavens
-misay, like, the equal to
-misay, as
-mistic, from
monocq, toothless bird, edible fowl
montelar, raptor, Raptorfolk
morcamas, speak
morcamas, say
morcwang, tale
morquieth, sing
nâ, not
nantath, were
narcaias, feast
nellith, brought
Nicco, name
niisa, here
niosa, there
oclan, black
omac, again
omborowan, belly
ommogorman, grief
opieth, fill
opiscunitas, hearken
ora, time (near)

ormen, midway, being
ormenani, that, them
ormenin, this
osa mirillesse, this end of the heavens
osa, place (near)
prasacti, tribe
premie, blackgreen
purii, child
quambe (< Raptorfolk *squimb*), toothless bird, also delicious
remitas, allow
romedana, nature
sameya, pale
saracith, hunt
Saraciviri, Hunters
Sarcaysarcayan, Raptor Queen
scramas, fetch
scremas, grab
simicurias, crouch
sirias, take
sorcan, smoke
sorcan, might, power
-sosam, at
sturcas, grasp
surras, make
tamasi, bird
tamsulosa, sorrow
tanimin, wold
tarcuevireth, leap
tarqueth, snuff
tasomang, gale
tecuayna, each other
teleth, lift
Teshen, Powers
tessieth, bless
tetocas, gather
thurie, blackred
-tia, for
tolang, body
torcwasseth, laid (lay upon)
Tulvanacar, Treewarden
tulvar, tree
tupasi, and then
tupasi surac, ever after
tupasi, then
turumbaman, morning

twilliong, nest
Uanacari, Power
uden, person, being
udenani, that, them
udenin, this
ullas, fell
urcuang, prey
velleneras, climb
verith, love
virath, are
wanac, greatly
waraic, afar
-wasic, upon, towards
Wônyadis, an Elleyeresse name
yarcromtitas, follow
yarvan, youth
yerian, death
yerias, die
yeucuassia, toothless
yeulutossa, lifeless
yoca, eggs
yoliyolias, trim
yunang, first (none before)

English to Morcangdie Lexicon

afar, waraic
again, omac
all, lewalewi
allow, remitas
and then, tupasi
and also, attacqi
are, virath
arm, lania
as, -misay
at, -sosam
awake, crellas
baby, acran
beautiful, lehusaya
belly, omborowan
bind, furweitas
bird, tamasi
black, oclan
blackgreen, premie
blackred, thurie
bless, tessieth
blue, coraman
body, tolang
bough, lania
bring, nellith
but, iruc
child, enecqi
choke, hacweth
climb, velleneras
come, martas
consume, engcanemas
cooking, fulmeras
couple, inivirii
Creator, Annanay
Creator, Ielanani
creature, being, almen
crouch, simicurias
day sky, carieriel
death, yerian
deed (doing), gowalacuere
deep, lebarang
Denê, Danani
die, yerias
do, gowalas

doom, fathuen
down, -enlili
dread, curielden
dream, hiyaraias
each other, tecuayna
East, Hailiecue
egg, yoca
embraced, herraltitas
ever after, tupasi surac
fall, ullas
far away, erriessa
feast, narcaias
fetch, scramas
fill, opieth
find, insanas
fire, cwara
first (none before), yunang
flower, liliothie
fly, helias
follow, yarcromtitas
for, -tia
from, -mistic
fruit, harcuethe
gale, tasomang
gather, tetocas
grab, scremas
grasp, sturcas
great, elleon
greatly, wanac
grief, ommogorman
grow, crewelith
hearken, opiscunitas
Heavenly Father, Adadi
heavens, mirilesse
here, niisa
high, lesuare
hunt, saracith
Hunters, Saraciviri
in, inside, -isa
inanimate being, thing, emmen
into, -ilisa
know, lentas
laid (lay upon), torcwasseth
land, country, ing
leap, tarcueth

life, lutossa
lifeless, yeulutossa
lift, teleth
like, the equal to, -misay
love, verith
make, surras
mate, inith
mating couple, inivirii
midway between plant and animal, being, ormen
might, power, sorcan
morning, turumbaman
Mother of All, Annanay
name, Cwenyatreliyana
name, an Elleyeresse name, Wônyadis
name, loma
name, Nicco
nature, romedana
nest, twilliong
new, lehastaman
night sky, ilimdel
not, nâ
now, leviram
on, -cong
one, cama
orchard, entanni
over, -lasa
overcome, engcuenitas
pale, sameya
People, Danani
perhaps, locwi
person, being, uden
place (far), isa
place (near), osa
plant, being, imen
Power, Uanacari
Powers, Teshen
pray, aiyolet
prey, urcuang
primal (ur-) couple, Encanicco
primal (ur-) female, Enca
raptor, Raptorfolk, montelar
Raptor Queen, Sarcaysarcayan
red, crosia
revere, emsoras
right, proper, lemirilesa

say, morcamas
see, caras
seem, locwieth
sing, morquieth
smoke, sorcan
snuff, tarqueth
sorrow, tamsulosa
speak, morcamas
sweet deep red fruit with three rather large seeds, curiyo
take, sirias
tale, morcwang
tall, engcacaldan
tell, teach, elleruas,
that, them, udenani, imenani, almenani, ormenani, emmenani
that end of the heavens, isa mirillesse
then, tupasi
there, niosa
this end of the heavens, osa mirillesse
this, udenin, imenin, almenin, imenin, ormenin, emmenin
time (near), ora
time (far), ira
to, -cwe
together, letocatoca
tooth, cuassa
toothless bird, edible fowl, monocq
toothless, yeucuassia
toothless bird, also delicious, quambe (< Raptorfolk *squimb*)
tree, tulvar
Treewarden, Tulvanacar
tribe, prasacti
trim, yoliyolias
under, -cayne
up, -ensula
upon, towards, -wasic
venerate, daras
vengeance, milit
very, eng-
voice, marca
walk, lentas
wear, culith
were, nantath
what, anemmen
when (near), anora
when (far), anira
whence, anosamistic

where (far), anisa
where (near), anosa
while, anorarusin, anirarusin
who, anuden
win, beat, cuenitas
wing, ilicueiar
wold, tannimin
wonder, cuongala
Yeola, Iweilda
youngling, areni
youth, yarvan